

# LAWRENCE COUNTY

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## PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Funding for transportation
2. Obtain more funding for detention beds

# Issues

*Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.*

**Health - Children's (0 - 19)**  
physical and mental well-being in the county.

## **Lack of community awareness of availability of community resources**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- community awareness campaign

## **Lack of transportation to existing agencies and services**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- recruit volunteers from local churches
- research if Kids One transportation is available for the county

**Safety - Children live free of**  
abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

## **Lack of detention bed space for juvenile offenders**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- research the availability of grants
- research possible city participation

## **Lack of community awareness of methamphetamine labs**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- community education program with Law Enforcement, Employers, and general public
- media Campaign
- secure grant funding for prevention services

**Education - Children**  
learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

## **Lack of resource officers in the schools**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- seek funding opportunities

## **Lack of children passing the High School Exit Exam**

Policy Council Action Steps:

- investigate resources for individual tutoring
- explore opportunities for funding for tutoring at local schools & churches

## Early Care and

**Education** - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

### Lack of night time day care

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- recruit prospective child care providers

### Lack of faith-based Pre-K schools and programs

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- investigate school readiness grant

## Economic Security

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

### Lack of community awareness of jobs programs

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- to provide program information at the county CPC meetings.

### Lack of satellite services

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- investigate funding opportunities

## Parent Involvement and Skills

- Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

### Lack of parenting classes

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- contact extension office

### Lack of Parent Project

- Policy Council Action Steps:
- have someone trained as a trainer in the Parent Project

## Policy Recommendation

1. Secure more funding for rural county social services and summer youth activities
2. Obtain more federal/state grant opportunities for faith base initiatives
3. More funding from Alabama Department of Children Affairs to hire an Americorps\* VISTA volunteer and/or Executive Director to spearhead the CPC

